

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

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4 GALVIN-HALCRO, GOLIE, GRINDE, GROESBECK, HAMILTON, HENDRICK, JACOBSON, JAYNE,  
5 JOPEK, KAUFMANN, KEANE, LENHART, LINDEEN, MACLAREN, MCALPIN, NOONAN, PARKER,  
6 RASER, RICE, SMALL-EASTMAN, SONJU, VILLA, WANZENRIED, WARD, WELLS, WILSON,  
7 WINDY BOY, WISEMAN, WITT, WAGMAN, CALLAHAN

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9 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
10 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO INVESTIGATE THE SPECIAL CHALLENGES AND  
11 OPPORTUNITIES FACING MONTANA INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE TRIBAL LANDS OR  
12 RESERVATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK INDIAN  
13 RESERVATION, THE ASSINIBOINE AND GROS VENTRE TRIBES OF THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN  
14 RESERVATION, THE CHIPPEWA AND CREE TRIBES OF THE ROCKY BOY INDIAN RESERVATION, THE  
15 BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION, THE SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES  
16 OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION, THE CROW TRIBE OF THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION,  
17 THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION, AND THE  
18 LITTLE SHELL BAND OF THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS, AND THE STATE OF MONTANA WITH RESPECT TO  
19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO EXAMINE ALL FACTORS IMPACTING ECONOMIC GROWTH, INCLUDING  
20 BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRIBAL HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE  
21 A BASIS FOR IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC STATE OF INDIAN COUNTRY AND, BY EXTENSION, ALL OF  
22 MONTANA; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 60TH  
23 LEGISLATURE IN THE FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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25 WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Montana Legislative Indian Caucus to act as a resource regarding  
26 Montana Indian issues affecting state legislative action and to do so on behalf of all political parties; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Montana recognizes tribal sovereignty through government-to-government  
28 relationships; and

29 WHEREAS, the American Indian tribes within the state of Montana are a unique and integral part of the  
30 history and future of Montana; and

